

House Resolution No. 1651

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of "Outstanding Missourian" through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, Dr. Robert Spence of Springfield, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as President of Evangel University; and

Whereas, on Wednesday, April 21, 2004, Dr. Robert Spence will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role he has performed in Missouri as a community leader; and

Whereas, Dr. Robert Spence began fulfilling his duties and responsibilities as President of Evangel University on May 1, 1974, since which time he has accrued thirty years of exceptional service to become the longest-tenured college president in the state of Missouri and one of the longest-serving college presidents anywhere in the United States; and

Whereas, chosen as the 2004 Springfieldian, Dr. Robert Spence enjoys three decades of stellar community leadership which has included service on the Boards of more than fifteen community and business organizations such as City Utilities, Cox Health Systems, the Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America Ozarks Council, Community Blood Center, Empire Bank, Greene County Association for Retarded Children, Partnership Industrial Center, Sterling Trust, and Village Bank, among others; and

Whereas, an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God who pastored several churches before becoming President of Evangel University, Dr. Robert Spence is justifiably proud of his accomplishments as a family man who is the beloved husband of Anne, the loving father of three married sons who graduated from Evangel, and the devoted grandfather of six wonderful children:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Dr. Robert Spence as an "Outstanding Missourian" and to extend to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on April 21, 2004, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of "Outstanding Missourian" Dr. Robert Spence of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

Joined by the Entire House Membership

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1651, adopted April 13, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker